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1. From 1947 until June 1951, the Romanian government made an effort to collect blood from all citizens. This was particularly true after the beginning of the Korean War; signs appeared with the slogan, "Contribute your blood to troops in Korea for Pay". Local newspapers, clinics, and dispensaries gave publicity to the drive. Each announcement included the locations of the sanitary service in each sector of the city. If one were unable to go to the blood station, a doctor or technician would go to the place where the individual worked.
2. Each citizen from the age of about 13 (fourth grade of school) up to was required to give blood every six months.
3. I heard that the amount of blood taken from each donor was six cubic centimeters in a tube 3 centimeters in diameter. [Source later changed this estimate to six centimeters as shown on a syringe.] For this amount of blood, I received 500 lei and a coupon allotting me one kilogram of milk, but no free time. Within one week I received an analysis report marked "negative". I believe the report also contained a notation of the blood type, but I am not sure. I don't know what would have happened if the report had been "positive".
4. Each citizen carried a health booklet which is used for recording medical care. The amount of blood taken and the date of donation are noted in the booklet.

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